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AUTHORITY TO GIVE TWO LECTURES

Dr. George Munt Williamson, anthropologist, lecturer, author, explorer and world traveler, will present TWO lectures on Sunday, April 12th, at 2:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. at Drexel Hall, Linwood and Baltimore, sponsored by the UFO Study Club of Kansas City. Dr. Williamson, who has just returned from a trip to South America, Europe and Great Britain, will present an afternoon lecture entitled THE LOST WORLD AND THE UFOs, and the evening lecture will be UFO WORLD REPORT. Both lectures are fully illustrated with colored slides.

Dr. Williamson served with the Army Air Corps during World War II as Radio Director for the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. He received the Army Commendation Award from Brig. Gen. C. W. Lawrence for his outstanding record of service. He served as an instructor in anthropology for the United States Armed Forces Institute.

He attended Cornell College, Eastern New Mexico University, the University of Arizona, and took a special course at the University of Denver. He majored in anthropology in the northern part of the United States, Mexico, and Canada. He is an authority on Indian dances, music and ceremonial costuming. He is listed in "Who's Who In America" and "American Men of Science". He is presently head of the Department of Anthropology at Great Western University, San Francisco, California, and director of the Andean-Amazonian Field Station, Peru, South America.

Dr. Williamson is the author of a number of books including "The Hopi and Zuni Indians," "The Saucers Speak," "Other Tongues, Other Flesh," "Secret Places of the Lion," and "Road in the Sky."

Donation will be \$1.00 for each lecture or \$1.50 for both. Juniors 50 cents.

CHARLES BENNETT TO NEW POST

Charles Bennett, who has been making our tape recordings since the start of the Club, has been named Southwest Director of Tape Recorded UFO Information Service. This group is probably better known through its originator, Dr. A. G. Dittmar of Au Sables Fork, New York. As many members are already aware, Tape Recorded UFO Information Service is a non-profit organization distributing recorded material to UFO enthusiasts, sending in the necessary blank tape, postage, etc. Charles will be serving roughly the southeast quarter of the United States.

NOTICE--Change in tape copying policy: Charles Bennett regrets that increased recording expenses and lack of voluntary support make it necessary for him to charge a nominal fee for his copying service. Effective as of this publication, people requesting copies of the club lectures and other recordings (excluding TRUFO tapes) will be asked to contribute to the operation on the following basis--

For those furnishing their own tape: 50 cents a reel for either 1,200' or 1,800' tapes;

For those desiring copies on low priced tape: \$2.00 for 1,200' reels, \$2.50 for 1,800' reels, including service charge and purchasing expense.

For those wanting copies on standard brands of recording tape: \$2.50 for 1,200' reels, \$3.75 for 1,800' reels (wholesale prices) plus the 50 cent copying fee.

If these more or less arbitrary rates work any hardships on people anxious to obtain recordings, exceptions can be made.

LIEBETRAU LETTERS

February 24, 1959

Dear Bucky,

Last evening I saw something which startled me so much that I was tempted to phone the KMBC news force and report this unusual spectacle. Because I'm only a housewife with little knowledge of these things, I was afraid my report would be of no importance and that I would merely be bothering them.

This morning, however, I turned on my radio early hoping I would hear some logical explanation of what I had seen in the sky Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Imagine my surprise when the same, very large green and beautifully bright object had been seen by persons in Chicago, Wisconsin and Michigan, eleven hours later--at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday! They said it was the largest meteorite ever sighted. It was also talented, as it was traveling northwest when I saw it, and Chicago is northeast. And I'm just wondering why it took it eleven hours to travel such a short distance.

I'm not implying it was a flying saucer for I didn't notice any portholes, smokestacks or peculiar exhausts.

It just seems to me to have been "unmeteorite-like". And what happened to its tail? It moved through the sky like a giant green lantern--slowly and deliberately--not flashing across the heaven in a great hurry and leaving a trail of light behind it.

Do you know anything about the proper behavior of meteorites that could help explain to me the antics of this particular one which cruised over our country for at least 11 hours last night?

Very sincerely,

The above is a letter about a sighting on February 23, 1959, by Mrs. Liebetrau of 10821 W. 57th Terr., Shawnee, Kansas, to Bucky Walders, KMBC. The following letter was just received by Dwight and Lou Bockman:

March 23, 1959.

Dear Lou and Dwight,

Last Wednesday evening, the 18th, was a warm night and I especially wanted to see a saucer. It was such a beautiful evening that I succumbed to the urge to let our supper go uncooked and take up my "sky watch" earlier than usual. I watch from the back porch step every evening for a while.

Fred drove up around 7:30 or 8:00 and I told him that I was going to see a saucer and for him to come out and sit there with me.

When he didn't come out I went inside and begged him, saying I knew I'd see one and wanted him to see it, too.

He and Robin put on their coats and just as we stepped outside I looked up and said, "and there it is--see it!"

Did you see the satellite go over K.C.? This looked just like the satellite--same size, same brightness--but it was traveling in the opposite direction although it was in the same location in the sky.

We were looking southwest. The little, quiet, starlight object was traveling slowly in a nice straight path at an even speed.

We kept moving around in the yard so that we wouldn't lose sight of it as it ducked behind our trees.

It silently sailed towards the northwest until almost out of sight. I was about frantic to see more of it after I'd realized it wasn't a shooting star nor a plane. I began babbling out loud, "Oh, please, please come back--don't go away--" etc!

It began to veer north and then northeast in a huge circle around our house ending up almost where we'd first noticed it and then it headed southwest and disappeared. I knew that was all.

Jane Liebetrau.

Thanks, Jane.--And a word to all--Look up.

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LOCAL SIGHTINGS BY MR. ERIE

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

On Sunday, March 8, 1959, at approximately 8:20 p.m., my wife and I were driving north on S. 55th Street. We were at the Turner Fire Station at 55th and Metropolitan Avenue when I noticed a light off to the left and high in the sky, blinking red and white. It seemed to be stationary.

I kept watching it as I continued north to Kansas Avenue, and then I turned left across the bridge and river on my way to Muncie, Kansas. When I was in front of the Lake Park Drive-In Theater I stopped to see if the light was actually stationary or if my movement caused it to appear as such, but the light was stationary.

I continued on, keeping the light in sight until I got on 72nd Street going north, when I stopped on top of a hill to watch and then suddenly the light streaked across the sky for I judge a mile or more and a half and then stopped and was again stationary. I continued on and after about two minutes I lost sight of it because of hills and such.

I continued on to 78th Street just south of the Kansas turnpike and never again sighted the light. I don't know what it was but I know it couldn't have been a plane because a plane couldn't move as fast as this light did, and then stop suddenly and hover. Also a plane couldn't have gone out of sight that fast, because the visibility was good.

Sincerely,

L. W. Erie

Thank you, Mr. Erie, of Muncie, Kansas.

HALSEY TEAM PROVIDED NEW FACET

A nice turnout enjoyed the lecture March 8 by Dr. Wallace C. Halsey. Others have given facts of contacts but Dr. Halsey gave us more of space philosophy--a vital message that gave us a better understanding of what we are supposed to do. Dr. Halsey was accompanied by his lovely wife, Tarna, and Mr. Ray Barnes, editor of Searchlighter, the publication of Christ Brotherhood, Inc. Dr. Halsey is president of Christ Brotherhood, Inc. This trio departed for other missions, but left with us a warm friendship of brotherhood.

BOONVILLE SIGHTING

On the evening of April 17, 1958, an object was sighted over Boonville, Missouri. Among those who watched the object were Mrs. Riepe, post supervisor of the Sky Watch team, Ground Observer Corps, and several of her sky watchers.

Miss Peggy Leathers, who is one of the observers, called Mrs. Riepe about 6:50. Mrs. Riepe then watched it through binoculars for about twenty minutes, then called the report in to the St. Louis center.

When Mrs. Riepe first looked, the object appeared as a huge star, having a white fluorescent color. Using the binoculars she said it resembled a child's top. It was very high. At first it appeared to be completely still, but on aligning it with something on the ground she could see that it did have a slight drift with it.

It had a bright band about it, and some of the observers saw a dark spot in the bright band that seemed to rotate.

After several minutes of remaining almost still it suddenly turned fiery red and moved away at a fast rate of speed.

Others who watched included Peggy Leathers, Bill Davis, Bobby Frazier, Roger Land and Floyd Hansett, all teen-age observers.

MYSELF

In the Sacred Silence
Sometime quite unaware
We chance upon a stranger--
We find our real self there!
--Florence Maltby.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Effective April 12, membership dues will be advanced to \$2.00 for adults and \$1 for juniors. Cards will be good through June, 1960. New members taking out membership at this time will gain the advantage of 2 months benefits.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting will be held during intermission of the afternoon lecture, April 12, for the purpose of electing a nominating committee. This committee is for the purpose of selecting nominees for the executive board to be voted on at the annual meeting the second Sunday in June.

KEN PRIEST TO HEAD TAPE LIBRARY

The executive board has appointed Mr. Ken Priest as Tape Recording Librarian. Mr. Priest will set up the tape library to include club lectures, local sightings, TRUFO recordings, and others as available. Lending of these tapes will be carried out in a manner similar to the book library. Contributions will be accepted for this library as well as the book library. For further information contact Ken at CL4-5178, or write to 3001 Norton, Independence, Missouri

HARRIS SIGHTING

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harris were returning to Kansas City from an outing one night last summer when they noticed a light following them. They had come through Norborne, Missouri, and were driving toward Hardin.

There is a straight stretch of road that runs about nine miles, and about the time they got on this straight stretch of road, Mr. Harris noticed a light following behind, possibly 150 to 250 yards back.

After a few miles of watching it through the rear view mirror he asked Mrs. Harris to look back to see what it was. She could not tell, and thought the back glass of their car might be distorting a light, so she put her head out of the window to see it. When she did this the object immediately moved back what they believed to be a mile or two.

They were, of course, amazed. While they were discussing it the object came back up close again.

Mrs. Harris had a cigarette in her hand and she struck a match to light it. As soon as she struck the match the object moved back a mile or so again. This puzzled them further.

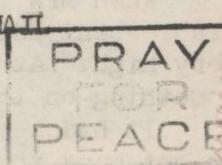
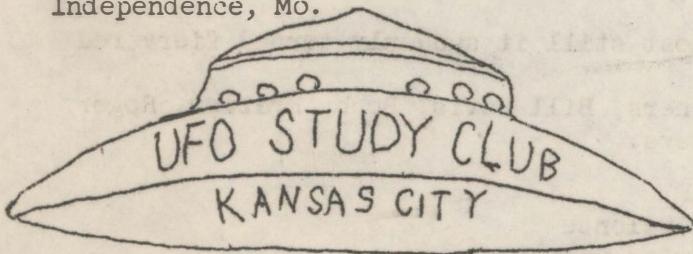
By this time they were approaching the town of Hardin, and the first car they met on this road was coming toward them, and the object was raising out of their vision through the rear window.

They stopped the car, got out, and watched the object gain speed, and go at a terrific speed angling up, across the town of Hardin and out of sight.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris are both printers and have been with the Kansas City Times for many years.

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